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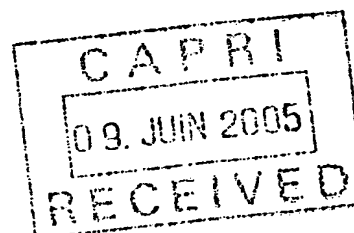
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference VALS 868 PCT	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b> See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/FR2003/002924	International filing date (day/month/year) 06 octobre 2003 (06.10.2003)	Priority date (day/month/year) 07 octobre 2002 (07.10.2002)
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC B05B 11/00		
Applicant VALOIS SAS		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of \_\_\_\_\_ sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 04 mai 2004 (04.05.2004)	Date of completion of this report 19,01 2005 (19,01.2005.2005)
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## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

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## I. Basis of the report

## 1. With regard to the elements of the international application:\*

- ☐ the international application as originally filed
- ☒ the description:  
pages \_\_\_\_\_ 1-7 \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed  
pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand  
pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ the claims:  
pages \_\_\_\_\_ 1-10 \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed  
pages \_\_\_\_\_, as amended (together with any statement under Article 19  
pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand  
pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ the drawings:  
pages \_\_\_\_\_ 1/2-2/2 \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed  
pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand  
pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:  
pages \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed  
pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand  
pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language \_\_\_\_\_ which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

## 3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the claims, Nos. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig \_\_\_\_\_

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).\*\*

\* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rule 70.16 and 70.17).

\*\* Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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## V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

### 1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	3-8, 10	YES
	Claims	1, 2, 9	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	3-8, 10	YES
	Claims	1, 2, 9	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO

### 2. Citations and explanations

1. This report makes reference to the following documents:

D1: WO 84/01356 A (SEAQUIST VALVE CO), 12 April 1984 (1984-04-12)

D2: US-B-6 415 9621 (CLERGET BERNARD ET AL), 9 July 2002 (2002-07-09)

2. The present application does not comply with PCT Article 33(1) because the subject matter of claim 1 does not meet the requirement of PCT Article 33(2) for novelty.

Document D1 describes (the references in parentheses are to that document):

"a device (cf. figure 3, element 12A) for fastening a fluid product dispensing element (cf. figure 3, element 30) to a reservoir neck (cf. figure 4, element 36) having an inside wall and a top end wall (cf. figure 4), the fastening device comprising means (cf. figure 3) for firmly receiving a dispensing element and means (cf. figure 4) for engaging the neck of the reservoir and comprising an

adhesive-coated application zone to be put into contact with the neck of the reservoir (cf. figure 4, element 36, and page 14, lines 17-26), the adhesive-coated application zone being designed to contact the top end wall of the neck (cf. figure 4)."

The subject matter of claim 1 is therefore not novel (PCT Article 33(2)).

Document D2 also describes a device having the features of claim 1.

2.1 Dependent claim 2 does not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the PCT novelty requirements; see document D1 and the corresponding passages cited in the search report.

2.2 The prior art does not describe or obviously suggest the combination of features in claims 3-8.

3. The present application does not comply with PCT Article 33(1) because the subject matter of claim 9 does not meet the requirement of PCT Article 33(2) for novelty.

Document D1 describes (the references in parentheses are to that document):

"a fluid product dispenser comprising a dispensing element (cf. figure 3, element 30), a reservoir (cf. figure 4, element 36) and a fastening device (cf. figure 3, element 12A)".

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The subject matter of claim 9 is therefore not novel  
(PCT Article 33(2)).

Document D2 also describes a dispenser having the  
features of claim 9.

- 3.1 The prior art does not describe or obviously suggest  
the combination of features in claim 10.